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REMARKS

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1. ACCORDING GOM NEWS AGENCY BERNAMA REPORT FROM BANGKOK JUNE 21,
PRIME MINISTER RAZAK HAS SENT PREMIER SANYA LETTER IN WHICH HE
REGRETS DISRUPTION TO RTG CAUSED BY ASRI'S REMARKS ON THAI
MUSLIM SEPARATISM. BERNAMA ALSO REPORTS COMMENT BY THAI
FONMIN CHARUNPHAN THAT RAZAK LETTER HELPED EASE TENSION CREATED
BY ASRI'S REMARKS BUT SAID THAT ENTIRE ISSUE, INCLUDING RAZAK'S
LETTER AND GENERAL SUBJECT OF SOUTHERN THAI MUSLIMS, WILL BE
CONSIDERED AT CABINET MEETING NEXT WEEK.

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2. IN RELATED DEVELOPMENT, LOCAL PRESS REPORTS THAT RTG HAS INVITED SECRETARY-GENERAL OF ISLAMIC SECRETARIAT, MOHAMED HASSAN AL-TOHAMY, TO VISIT SOUTHERN THAILAND NEXT WEEK AFTER FONMINS' CONFERENCE. UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL REPORT FROM BANGKOK NOTES ASSERTION OF RTG OFFICIAL THAT MUSLIMS ARE "TREATED BETTER THAN SOME THAIS" IN THAT THEY HAVE OWN SCHOOLS AND COURTS. ACCORDING THIS REPORT, ESCORT FOR TOHAMY VISIT TO SOUTHERN PROVINCES WOULD BE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER CHARTCHAI.

3. COMMENT: RAZAK LETTER AND GOM STATEMENT JUNE 20 (REF A) WILL HOPEFULLY FULFILL REQUIREMENT FOR PUBLIC APOLOGY DEMANDED BY RTG.
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